

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15 and 16 are amended to depend from claim 14.

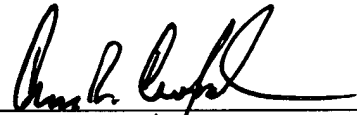
Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, directed to particulate compositions, that is claims 14 and 17-27 and the claims dependent therefrom. This response is made without traverse.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application listed on the PTO/SB/08a form filed July 21, 2006 with the original application papers and the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 6, 2008.

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